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BECKY JONES, the wonderful woman who preferred to go to jail rather than to tell what she knew, complains in the New York newspapers that a certain Alderman annoys her with his love-mak-

Ir will be gratifying to those who have been led to believe that Mr. Vanderbilt was cruelly exacting toward General Grant, to know that such was not the case, but that he has acted throughout in the most friendly spirit.

That noted English journalist George Augustus Sala, has arrived in America again, and he is honest enough to confess that he has come for the purpose of mak ing money, which he expects to do in the lecture field. He deserves liberal patronage for such exceptional frankness.

PHINEAS T. BARNUM'S proposition to Gen. Grant will strike most people as very characteristic thing for Mr. Barnum, but its acceptance would not be a characteristic thing for Gen. Grant. Perhaps Gen. Burke will take the cue and get the trophies for the New Orleans Exposition.

THE fight that is now being made over the Grand Haven collectorship will probably amount to nothing beneficial to those who oppose Hon, David McLaughlin, the present incumbent, at least until the change of administration occurs. Mr. McLaughlin has been a competent official, has attended faithfully to the business of the customs district and under not be disturbed.

IN THE Swaim court-martial the other day, the testimony of a know-nothing, called by the Greek name "agnostic" for courtesy, was excluded by the court. self with a johnthomas cat. Under existing laws the court did right, for the man who cannot make up his mind whether there is a Supreme Being in this universe is scarcely fit to be heard where important interests are involved. No intellect can comprehend the mysteries surrounding the Supreme Being but not to see that such a Being must exist is evidence of imbecility or insanity.

REPRESENTATIVE FORD, during his visit home, has been consulted by some of the authorities in regard to framing and submitting a law which will enable the public to exterminate the "faker." The law will have to be delicately and Mr. Bismarck. carefully constructed and Mr. Ford says it will require considerable search among the statutes and common law to secure the offense. It is a peculiar crime to cover, and to draft a statute which will enable the courts to convict is no easy task. Some of the police believe that the and evidence to substantiate this charge could be easily obtained. They hope that Mr. Ford will be able to secure them such a leverage as will enable them to rid Grand Rapids of one of its very worst pestilences, the faker.

have appointed a committee to draft a petition for circulation, asking the Legislature to repeal the present law relating to convict labor, also one requesting the enactment of a lien law that will give mechanics and other workmen a first lien for wages on property created or improved by their labor. These are both worthy measures, and we can only wish that the workingmen may be successful in securing the desired legislation. Govthe abolition of the contract-labor system, and ex-Governor Begole in his retiring message makes the same recommendation and there is no good reason that we can see why the Legislature should hesitate to act upon their suggestions. A lien law that will protect the interests of the workingmen against the designs of dishonest contractors is a matter of justice, and the subject should receive careful investigation by the present Legislature.

# GRANT AND VANDERBILT.

Tun cronkers who have been accusing General Grant of greed in taking everything within his grasp should now bury their heads. The correspondence which has just passed between William H. Vanderbitt and General and Mrs. Grant shows that the General has moral as well as physical courage, and brings into relief a nobility of character seldom two from the General and one from Mrs. Grant. Mr. Vandschilt, in his first letter, dated last Saturday, and addressed to Mrs. Grunt, says:

in regard to the loan made by me to Gen, Grant and reflecting unjustly upon him and myrelf, that it seems proper to briefly seems the facts. (In Sunday, the 4th of May last, Consecut Greats miled at my forces and sebad one to lend him girziers) seeks in because for one day. I gave him my come in became

check without question, not because the transaction was business like, but simply be-cause the request came from General Grant. The misfortunes which overwhelmed him during the next twenty-four hours aroused sympathy and regret of the whole country. sympathy and regret of the whole country. You and he sent me within a few days of the time deeds of your joint properties to cover this obligation, and urged my acceptance on the ground that this was the only debt of honor which the General had personally incurred, and these deeds I returned. During my absence in Europe the General delivered to my attorney mortgages upon all his own real estate, household effects, and swords, medals, and works of art which were the memorials of his victories and presents from governments all over the world. These securities were, in his judgment, worth \$150, 000. At his solicitation the necessary steps were taken by judgment, etc., to reduce these properties to possessien, and the articles mentioned have been this day bought in by me, and the amounts bid applied to the reduction of the debt.

Mr. Vanderbilt then proposes to present Mrs. Grant the entire debt held by him against the General with the condition only that the General's trophies be, at his death, or, if she desired it, sooner, presented to the Government at Washington to remain there as perpetual

To this letter the General replied Saturday evening in behalf of Mrs. Grant, stating that she could not accept the offer except so far as it applied to the trophies, and that Mr. Vanderbilt had stated the circumstances causing the indebtedness with minutest accuracy, and adding that he was assured by Ferdinand Ward that the firm of Grant & Ward had over \$660,000 to their credit at that time in the Marine bank, besides \$1,300,000 of unpledged securities in their own vaults.

Mr. Vanderbilt replied, regretting Mrs. Grant's decision and expressing a determination to deposit the money, as fast as received from the sale of the General's real estate, in the Union Trust Company with provisions that the income be paid

to Mrs. Grant, and giving her power to make final disposition of the principal. General and Mrs. Grant at first felt compelled to submit, but after consideration Mrs. Grant wrote saying that the General and she at first felt that it would be ungracious to refuse, "but," she says, "upon reflection, I find I can not-I will not accept your munificence in any form."

### CURRENT COMMENT.

Detroit Post: The Free Press says that the Post is owned by gentlemen. The the civil service reform regime he should | Post hopes the time may come when it can truthfully say the same of the Free

> really needs is a cat trained to run off with his editorials. But would the cat rvive? Watterson should provide him-

> Chicago Inter-Ocean: We can see no reason why Republicans should not bind Mr. Haines to fair dealing with them by electing him Speaker. Ultimate disaster seems inevitable unless some such argument is made.

of business would have been quicker if Blaine had been elected; but it is destined for a time, but sooner or later, it will begin to come anyway, and Cleveland will again." pretty surely have the benefit of it. He is a lucky fellow.

Buchanan Record: As Mr. Yaple has about concruded not to contest the election of Mr. Burrows, we propose that he be given the German mission. He is just the man to explain that pork business to

position to Mr. Morton for the Senatorial nomination in New York is not of a serious sort. Several of the members who material which will enable him to define have declared nominally for Evarts only want to be bought.

Detroit Free Press: Ex-Congressman Willis, of New York, says that "Mr. Cleveland's idea is that if any Democrat rendered special service in the campaign faker could be convicted on the grounds | they can best be repaid by having a of having no visible means of support, good, safe and popular administration." A good idea it is.

## Arresting the British Nobilter.

[Cheyenne Speciai.] A letter received by Governor Hale from Mammoth Hot Springs, in the Yellowstone Park, contains a ld tional information concerning the enforcement of the law THE Knights of Labor, of this city, there. The first arrests which were made were heartily approved of by the hotel people and all residents of the Park. On the following day three visitors of the Park were arrested. Tuey were members of the British nobility. They had been through the Park, and when they came back they were loaded down with specimen, which they had chipped off from various curiosity ledges, and proposed to

carry away with them. The storm of indignation which followed the acre its was a caution. Holbert, one of the hotel proprietors, was particularly ernor Alger, in his message, recommends | ou'raged. Judge Budlong, an a torney at the Park, was employed by the offi ers, and he went ahead with the prosecution. The visitors and the hotel people appealed to he newly appointed Superintendent, the Hon, R. E. Carpenter, That gen leman looked over the law; and then stated that the officers were fully authorized and were correc in their action; and he congratulated the officials upon the fulfilment of their dury. The result of the examination was that the titled gentlemen were convictoriand were compided to pay heir fines. The sentiment is rapidly gaining ground that the law amoun a to some hing, and it is being pretty clea ly dem onstrated that the officers intend to strict-

## The Railroad King and the Messenger.

(San Francisco A Pronaut.) The story is total of a New York memenor boy who brought a dispatch into the private office of a derialn great financier and railroad king, and who, while | . wellod for an answer, leaned on the great man's desk and whistiel a lively tona, to paralleled. The correspondence com- sected he kept time with his feet. Tasprimes two letters from Mr. Vandarbilt, great man was shocked throughout blacktire system, and he bent upon the autadone imp a gas : whee coveries would have musewed a raine captain; but its only of an upon the multarmed wrokin was to come him to wink one eye with some unfor many microprosentations have appeared | mosters, while he still sometime of his tens and his shoff a. Then the great man said sorely "Boy, this is not a minorcal snow?" To which the unknowled young

## ARABI IN EXILE.

Visit to Egypt's Expetriated Premier.

Where a French Visitor Found Rim, and How He Manages to Content Himself During His Enforced Absonce From His Native Land.

(Cor. Paris Matta.)

Arrived at Colombo we set out for Mount Aron to visit the retreat of Arabi. Mr. Henri Gigari, formerly an agent at Cairo of Rubbattino & Co., who is thoroughly acquainted with the Arabic language, consented to act as interpreter. While traveling through this country so singularly beautiful, I was almost tempted to envy the fate of the great Egyptian exile. This sentiment grew stronger when our coachman pulled up in a delightful garden in which the luxuriant vegetation of Ceylon was displayed in all its splendor. Servants came to meet us, and, after having taken our cards, conducted us to the veranda, which was used as a reception room. Of Arabi there have been a great many descriptions. If I recall rightly, he has been described as a man without education, equally dull morally and physically. I believe I have also seen pictures representing him as a half negro, with thick lips and a low forehead. Nothing could be more untrue. This Arabi in whose presence we found ourselves is a man of tall stature and majestic carriage. His face, which is truly handsome, with an intelligent forehead, is framed in a long black beard, tinged with gray, which gives him the appearance of a patriarch. The ease with which he converses and the affability of his manners denote in him the man of the world. If I did not fear to be guilty of a paradox in regard to the prisoner of the English, I would say that he is an accomplished gen-

Tkanks to the good offices of an interoreter, the conversation did not languish. While smoking manilas and taking coffee a la Turque we spoke of Ceylon, of France, and, above all, of Egypt itself, the events in which the ex-dictator followed with an interest easily understood. "What does your excellency think of the war of the Mahdi and the result of it?"

"The campaign of the Mahdi." he replied, "must necessarily end in a reverse. The ardor of his troops will become worn out in the face of the nullity of the results obtained. The opportunity to march upon Egypt is gone by and will not come again."

"Do you believe that Gordon will be able to overcome the difficulties which surround

"I know Gordon," said Arabi. "He has extraordinary energy. I am convinced Atlanta Constitution: What Halsted that, unless there is an accident, he will put down the insurrection. As for the English, I imagine that when they have pacified the country, if they are wise, they will allow it all the autonomy possible. Egypt enslaved would be of less service to them than Egypt administering her own affairs. She is too near Europe, too directly in contact with modern ideas, to permit of her being subjugated to a state of vassalage like that of the principalities of the New York Sun: No doubt the revival rajahs. The movement of all nations toward total independence may be checked

Here Arabi closed the conversation. We could see that he enjoyed perfect liberty. He lives like a private gentleman, and has with him his wives and children. Some of the latter have been sent to Cairo to pursue their studies. If material comfort can stifle ambition, Arabi is certainly to be pitied. Ceylon ought not to make him Philadelphia Record: Thus far the op- regret Egypt, and his bitter bread of exile appears to be very much like a cake.

## A BRIDE'S EXPERIMENT.

How a Young Woman Is Alleged to Have Had Dead Loads of Fun With a Car Full [N. Y. Letter.]

I hold it to be a truth constantly self. evident that a man will defend a womas against all men except himself. If you haven't noticed it already you have only to look for it an hour or so in any place of mixture of the sexes. Clap your eyes on a pretty woman without a male escort, and two phenomena will become obvious. Firstly, there will be a large amount of open and covert staring at her, to all of which her obliviousness is of course only assumed. Secondly, if one of the starers happens to realize that others are at the same game, he will manifest plainly his disgust at such treatment of an unprotected beauty, utterly ignorant of his own offense. A husband and wife got into a street car. The man was somewhat dudish in dress. The woman was under twenty, and as pretty as nature and art are in the habit of combining to produce. They were chatting on the very subject that I have introduced.

"Percival, dear," said she, "I will prove to you that I am right, and take only ten minutes to do it, if you'll promise not to get angry about it."

He closed the contract. Then she drew herself up, as though the husband sitting beside her was an entire stranger, and waited for the car to fill with passengers at Union Square.

"Now," she whispered behind her fan. "observe how I am ogled when alone." Within five minutes he saw that half . dozen mascuine passengers, from hoary age to callow youth, eyed his bride with more or less audacity, and several manifestly would not have needed the smallest beginning of a wink on her part to seize upon her then and there. That part of the exhibition was a triumph for the wife, but the most curious feature of the experiment remaland to be tried.

"You certainly do seem to attract s great deal of admiration," said the hosband, supposing that the pretended strangeness was at an end. She lifted her eyebrows in simulated surprise, as though | 56 Ottawa Street, an impertinent fellow had unwarrantedly accosted her, and pointedly turned her face away from him. He understood her now and did not speak to her further. Next. she drew her shoulder away from contact believing that he was annoying her dread fully, and scornful glances were aimed at him. A man arose from the opposite side "Will you exchange scats with mo?" he

pery gallantly and politely said, lifting his hat most deferonitally. Now he had been forement among the original aglers the variest simpleston as

"Thank you, sir," she replied, "but I pre-fer to sit by my heatened."

Thus with the same above she killed that vulture-bird and the dave-male whom she had undersator to justicet as to the phil-sounds of male sallouts.

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